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ANC Says Emergency Only Keeping the â\200\234Lid on a Simmering Potâ\200\235

Radio Freedom, Addis Ababa in English 1930 gmt 11 Jun 87

Text of programme entitled, â\200\234Away with the Rule of Martial Lawâ\200\235:

Compatriots: The apartheid President, Pieter Botha, yesterday reimposed his 12 month old state of emergency, This means that our residential areas will continue to be occupied by heavily armed troops and police, that many of our comrades will be arrested without committing any, crime. Many of our---people will be murdered by those occupationist forces and the real truth about what happens will continue to be hidden from the public eye through the tightened press (?censorship).Â¢ /

The regime has'now come out in its true colours. The enemy can no longer conceal his true face, What has become plain for all to see is the reality of military dictatorship and not the comforting but spurious image of a reformer that Botha had sought to cultivate and project. With the reimposition of the draconian state of emergency, the regime has once again admitted that it is failing to contain our mass offensive against it. When Botha imposed his rule of martial law a year a 0, he claimed that it will enable him to crush all forms of opposition against (?the regime) and restore his law and order. He told his followers and fellow henchmen in his parliament a year ago that he was going to do away with our struggle.

When he reimposed it yesterday, he had to admit that though he has managed to detain more than 30,000 patriots and murder hundreds others, the spirit of revolt is still intact. Our people are still determined to advance to peopleâ\200\231s power. He claimed that the year-long rule of martial law has retu'rned the atmosphere of calmness which will promote negotiations and further reform, He, however, had to admit that without the state of emergency he will be unable to rule our country.

But the fact of the matter is that though on the surface it might appear to others that the enemy has triumphed because [words indistinct], the fact of the matter is that we are stronger than we were in June 1986. During the past 12 months of the state of emergency we have carried out unprec de ted cti ave formed the South African National Youth Congress, We have [vgbor [iii issti-rigÃ@iixdÃ@nâ\200\231s league and others right on the [word indistinct] of martial law, The state Of emergency could not stop us observing our planned mass action, Four days after the imposition of the emergency, we marked the 10th anniversary of the youth day in a massive way,

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It was during this period that Botha was forced to concede to our demands for the recognition of May Day, though in a partial way, On May Day, we held our planned (?actions) despite Bothaâ\200\231s intimidatory methods. Right during the period when Bot ha and his white followers were going to the polls we shook the whole country with our two-day national stayaway strike. Instead of the media concentrating on, the elections, the main topic was the stayaway, It became clear that the real future of thei-\201guntry lies with the

black masses and not with those who went to the polls. [WÃ©xrfig irll/distinct] the state of emergency, we saw militant workersâ\200\231 strikes, many of which ended with the fascist forcesâ\200\231 succumbing to the pressure of the workers.

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Above all, dear compatriots, during this past 12 months we mastered the art of underground [word indistinct] , We held a number of mass meetings under clandestine conditions, Many of our leaders are today directing the struggle from the underground, Bothaâ\200\231s large network of police informers and (?stooges) has failed to i-\201nd t hem. That is why Botha had to admit in his racist parliament that his rule of martial law could only act as a lid on a simmering pot. He admitted that immediately he removed the lid, the whole Situation will get out of hand,

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lives of ending white minority domination in our country, We have advanced a great deal towards realisation of our goal of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa. There can be no stopping now. There can be no turning back.

Let us, therefore, mobilise and march together in even greater unity towards freedom. At all times we must expect that the enemy will respond with ever greater repression. We must withstand these campaigns of terror with the same determination that we have displayed over so many months. But more, we must defeat these campaigns and raise our struggle to even higher levels.

Our watchword must be mobilisation, organisation, struggle. All our people must be mobilised into action, All our people must be organised for action. All our people must engage in struggle. That must be our reply to the enemy's desperate counter-offensive. In that struggle, we have to step up our armed offensive,

In a situation of martial law, the need for the oppressed masses to resort to people's war becomes plain for all to see. Therefore, the order of the day to all units of

Umkhonto we Sizwe is that they must intensify links with the people. They must act together with the people to inflict the greatest possible number of casualties on armed enemy personnel. They must take the battle to the enemy and, side by side with the heroic masses of our country, defeat the enemy's efforts to rule in a new way.

Seize the initiative from the enemy and drive him into retreat. Thousands upon thousands of our people have been engaging the enemy in an armed confrontation, using primitive means to deliver their blows. Now is the time for them to face the enemy using modern weapons of war. Those among the black people who have persisted in refusing to stop serving the enemy are now faced with the inevitable consequences of their mercenary stubbornness. They have now been turned into an army of occupation and administrators of martial law. If in the past they considered their duties as normal, they can no longer do so now,

There is nothing normal about an emergency. Neither will the actual task that they will carry out be normal. Their masters will demand of them the most heinous acts of brutality against their own people. On them will fall the greatest burdens in Pretoria's campaign of extreme repression. Once more, we call on those black people to leave the ranks of the enemy which is using them to terrorise their own mothers, fathers brothers, sisters and children, We call on those whom the enemy has armed to turn their guns against those who have invaded our townships and not point them at the unarmed black masses of our country who are fighting to liberate themselves.

S African Minister Outlines Nationwide Security Network

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Roelf Meyer by Freek

Text of interview with Deputy Minister of Law and Order

Robinson on the Network programme; preceded by video recording of PFP MP Helen Suzman:

[Suzman's video recording] The management system is set up with people from the army, from the police force, and from officials, and they are not accountable to anybody except the National Security Council and that is accountable only to the State President who is accountable only to himself. And they take political decisions, they take them in the whole atmosphere of the total onslaught, they take political decisions, they take them in secret. And nobody can criticise them because one doesn't know the basis on which those decisions were made, and they in turn operate through management

centres which are appointed across the length and breadth of the country and they too take political decisions which ought to be the decisions of elected bodies, which are accountable to the people who elect them,

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And that is really what I meant when I said that there was a sort of coup d'état, a creeping coup d'état, where more and more decisions are taken away from the normal

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ANC President, Comrade Oliver Tambo,~ says: With his action Botha has admitted that his organs of government have (?collapse (1).

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[Tamboz in voice] He has conceded that the only way he can restore apartheid rule in these townships is through martial law, He could no longer govern in the old way. The perspective ahead of us is to intensify the struggle exactly in these areas that are under martial law. In struggle, we must make it impossible for our enemy to govern even in the new way, We must confront its new organs of government in the townships [and] the combined army and police units which have. been brought into our midst exactly to reassert apartheid rule and therefore to perpetuate our oppression and suffering. This is the i-\201rst task we have to accomplish in the light of Bothaâ\200\231s state of emergency: to confront and to i-\201ght his new organs of government.

In the past, all of us have joined together to reject apartheid rule, whatever form it took. Accordingly, we have consistently rejected the bantustan system and the community councils. We have also'overwhelmingly rejected Bothaâ\200\231s trieameral parliament, as well as the organs of local government visualised in the latest apartheid constitution. But, as we have foreseen, all these institutions have been imposed on us despite the fact that we do not want them. As usual, the apartheid regime has refused to act in accordance with the will of the people, We, for our part, have no cause to submit to the dictatorship of the racist. We have said, we are opposed to his apartheid institutions. These having been imposed on us against our will, we have no choice but to destroy them.

This is what we have done in the Eastern Cape, on the Witwatersrand, the Vaal Triangle and the Free State. We must spread this offensive to reach all other parts of our country. In all our localities, wherever they may be, we must rise now and destroy the apartheid organs of government that are used to hold us in bondage. We make this call to all black people, Africans, Indians and so-called Coloureds.

Racist white South Africa is without doubt applauding P.W. Botha for declaring this state of emergency, These hidebound white supremacists see this act of desperation on the part of the apartheid regime as a demonstration of i-\201rmness and a determination to protect white privilege at all costs.'They are convinced that Botha will succeed to suppress our struggle and save the apartheid system from collapse.

White South Africa, will not awaken from this dream world while our struggle is concentrated in the black areas of our country [word indistinct], We cannot and should not allow a situation of relative peace and tranquillity to obtain in the white areas of our country while the black townships are in i-\202ames. We must take the struggle into the white areas of South Africa and there attack the apartheid regime and its forces of repression in these areas which it considers its rear,

For many years, the Pretoria regime gave its white supporters a false sense of security by deluding them into believing that the battle front of struggle was drawn at the borders of our country, We have shattered that myth and brought the struggle to the very doorstep of the colonial oppressor. The enemy, however, continues to hope that it will manage to hold our struggle to that line of battle, outside of the white towns and cities.

As we bury the illusion of a confrontation taking place at the borders of our country, so must we now put paid to the notion that our struggle will remain confined to the black areas, No longer should white South Africa live with the idea that it can continue with its business as usual while our people are perishing in their hundreds out of sight of the white families that have sent their sons into our townships, armed to the

teeth and with one intention only - to kill, kill, kill.

Our task, to get the struggle into the very midst of the enemy, presents all revolutionaries of our country with the challenge of devising the correct tactics to realise this objective. It is a challenge that all of us, workers, women and youth must meet. The apartheid system is in crisis. The state of emergency will not extricate the racists out of this situation. All it will do is further to deepen the crisis and increase the cost in human

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This was an admission on the part of the enemy that he cannot defeat us, We have always known this. We knew our determination to advance the struggle at all costs. We knew our commitment to continue organising even under the shadow of death. The task ahead of us now is to

express [words indistinct] .

(?Compatriots), the reimposition of the state of emergency is an acknowledgement of our strength. Botha did so because he is aware that he is getting weaker every day, We must therefore intensify and consolidate the very activities that made the enemy to impose martial law in the first place. Ours is not to be requesting Botha to lift the emergency or to be criticising him for doing so, [Words indistinct] we must understand that the fundamental reason for Botha's action is the issue of political power. He is ruling with martial law today because that is the only way he can cling on to political power. And it is that power we are after.

So, this means we have to break through the state of emergency, [words indistinct] ; It means we have to escalate the campaign to render the country ungovernable and the apartheid system inoperative, We must continue eliminating enemy agents and [word indistinct] within our nation. We must step up the campaign of taking the war to the white residential areas and cities, Let the entire country be in flames. This, without doubt, will definitely do and strong
illegal activities and organisational work on our part. We must therefore let so as to fight against the forces which administer martial law in our residential areas. Police and troops must be [words indistinct].

Yesterday, when Botha was announcing the reimposition of martial law, he declared war on our vanguard movement, the ANC, and thus on the entire nation. He said he will never talk to us but will fight us. This to us is not something new. Botha has been fighting against us for the past 75 years now. What he meant yesterday was that he is going to be more vicious.

He is going to give more power to his hands of marauders to murder our people (again). Our task, therefore, is not only to fight back but to advance and fight for the downfall of this system that has declared war on our nation.

Fellow countrymen: We shall continue operating from the underground. We shall continue meeting in clandestine conditions, but even under those conditions, we shall ensure that democratic consultations in all possible ways will continue. No mass action will be taken without the broader consultation procedures. We shall always ensure that whenever we decide on any form of action, or taking any decision for that matter, we shall do so as one. No one will ever be allowed to impose his decisions on the majority, This will consolidate our unity and enable us to move together as one and advance to people's power,

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Tomorrow throughout the country we shall observe a one hour

we shall do so to demonstrate our opposition to the rule of martial law. At the same time we

shall be honouring those who fell at the hands of the enemy in the past 12 months. To them we shall say 'work and pin their names on the banners of

our combat units. We shall observe the work stoppage at our own free will, because we know that it means we are acting against the illegal rule in our country. By such means we

are not simply pressurising Botha to lift [words indistinct], we are also fighting to weaken him even further and force him to a further retreat, We can observe the work stoppage also as a preparation for the two-week long mass campaign of different times which we have planned until the 25th. Above all, it will be a dress rehearsal for Tuesday

16th, Our youth day, when we shall be marking the day as a public holiday. By so doing, we shall demonstrate to Botha and his henchmen that their martial law will never crush us. We are advancing to people's power and nothing can stop us now. Forward to battle.

Down with the state of emergency. Advance to people's power.

When Botha reimposed his state of emergency yesterday, he did not surprise anyone, We were expecting him to do so, We knew that he is weaker than he was a year ago. So, as a weaker man he has no alternative but to continue ruling by martial law. The